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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly preliminarily amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-73 without prejudice and add the following new claims.

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(New) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide which comprises the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.